Washington, DC – Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. (GA-2) today released the following statement after President Obama unveiled his budget request for fiscal year 2012.

"As millions of Americans tighten their belts and make tough choices in these difficult economic times, they expect the federal government to do the same. The proposed budget reduces the deficit and is a step towards getting our fiscal house in order, but tackling long-term budget deficits and bringing down the national debt will require a broader conversation about our nation's obligations.

"We cannot neither reduce the deficit nor bring down the national debt without a growing economy that creates jobs here in America. I hope Democrats and Republicans will come together and work in a bipartisan fashion to make the strategic choices that will drive our economic recovery forward and erase the deficit. I look forward to working with the President and my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to get the job done for the American people."

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